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Expedited Procedure
Group Art Unit: 2872

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masayoshi OKURA, et al.) **BOX AF**
Application No.: 09/613,742) Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: July 11, 2000) Examiner: J. PHAN
For: ROTARY DEFLECTOR, OPTICAL)
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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In response to the Final Office Action dated November 4, 2002 (Paper No. 8), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, the period for response to which extends through February 4, 2003, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend pending claims 1, 9 and 12 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A rotary deflector comprising a mass member detachably fixed to a non-rotary section of a driving motor for rotating a polygon mirror, wherein a periphery of the mass member is larger than that of the non-rotary section of the driving motor.